

of the provisions in the House amendment that reduce funding for the child support program established under part D of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651 et seq.), and to insist that the conference report shall not include any restrictions on the ability of States to use Federal child support incentive payments for child support program expenditures that are eligible for Federal matching payments.

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By 83 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. 356), Senate agreed to Kennedy Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the Senate provisions increasing need based financial aid in the bill S. 1932, which were fully offset by savings in the bill S. 1932, be included in the final conference report and that the House provisions in the bill H.R. 4241 that impose new fees and costs on students in school and in repayment be rejected in the final conference report.

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By 63 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 357), Senate agreed to Reed Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist on a provision that makes available \$2,920,000,000 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.), in addition to the \$2,183,000,000 made available for such Act in the Departments of Labor, Health, and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006.

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The Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gregg, Domenici, Grassley, Enzi, Allard, Sessions, Stevens, Shelby, Specter, Chambliss, McConnell, Conrad, Murray, Harkin, Sarbanes, Inouye, Bingaman, Baucus, Kennedy, and Leahy.

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Senator Corzine Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators be permitted to submit tributes to Senator Corzine for the Congressional Record until December 29, 2005, and that the tributes be printed as a Senate document.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the export of accelerometers to the People's Republic of China's Ministry of Railways; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–33)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Stephen G. Larson, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

Terrance P. Flynn, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for the term of four years.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—357) **Pages S13631–32, S13632–33, S13634, S13635**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator William J. Proxmire, former United States Senator for the State of Wisconsin, in accordance with S. Res. 334, adjourned at 7:54 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, December 16, 2005. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13687.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2012, to authorize appropriations to the Secretary of Commerce for the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act for fiscal years 2006 through 2012, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1608, to enhance Federal Trade Commission enforcement against illegal spam, spyware, and cross-border fraud and deception; and

The nomination of one officer in the Coast Guard.

NEW ORLEANS LEVEES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine New Orleans (Louisiana) levees relating to Hurricane Katrina, focusing on storm damage reduction projects in metropolitan New Orleans, federal, state, and local responsibility for operation, maintenance, and inspection of the levees, the role of the Army Corps of Engineers in response to a hurricane, and support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, receiving testimony from Colonel Richard P. Wagenaar, Commander and District Engineer, Alfred C. Naomi, Senior Project Manager, and Gerard A. Colletti, Operations Manager for Completed Works, all of the New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Edmond J. Preau, Jr., Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Baton Rouge; and James P. Huey and Max L. Hearn, both of New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Orleans Levee District.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1445, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 520 Colorado Avenue in Arriba, Colorado, as the "William H. Emery Post Office";

S. 1792, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building";

H.R. 3770, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 205 West Washington Street in Knox, Indiana, as the "Grant W. Green Post Office Building";

S. 1820, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6110 East 51st Place in Tulsa, Oklahoma as the "Dewey F. Bartlett Post Office";

S. 2036, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 High Street in Clinton, Massachusetts, as the "Raymond J. Salmon Post Office";

S. 2064, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 122 South Bill Street in Francesville, Indiana, as the "Malcolm Melville 'Mac' Lawrence Post Office";

S. 2089, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1271 North King Street in Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii, as the "Hiram L. Fong Post Office Building";

H.R. 2113, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 McDonough Street in Joliet, Illinois, as the "John F. Whiteside Joliet Post Office Building";

H.R. 2346, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 105 NW Railroad Avenue in Hammond, Louisiana, as the "John J. Hainkel, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 2413, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1202 1st Street in Humble, Texas, as the "Lillian McKay Post Office Building";

H.R. 2630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1927 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, Illinois, as the "J.M. Dietrich Northeast Annex";

H.R. 2894, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 102 South Walters Avenue in Hodgenville, Kentucky, as the "Abraham Lincoln Birthplace Post Office Building";

H.R. 3256, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3038 West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the "Congressman James Grove Fulton Memorial Post Office Building";

H.R. 3368, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6483 Lincoln Street in Gagetown, Michigan, as the "Gagetown Veterans Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 3439, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 North 3rd Street in Smithfield, North Carolina, as the "Ava Gardner Post Office";

H.R. 3548, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located on Franklin Avenue in Pearl River, New York, as the "Heinz Ahlmeyer, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 3703, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8501 Philatelic Drive in Spring Hill, Florida, as the "Staff Sergeant Michael Schafer Post Office";

H.R. 3825, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 770 Trumbull Drive in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the "Clayton J. Smith Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 3830, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 East Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida as the "United States Cleveland Post Office Building";

H.R. 4053, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 545 North Rimsdale Avenue in Covina, California as the "Lillian Kinkella Keil Post Office";

H.R. 3989, a bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 37598 Goodhue Avenue in Dennison, Minnesota, as the "Albert H. Quie Post Office"; and

The nominations of George W. Foresman to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Preparedness, and Mary M. Rose to be a Member, Merit Systems Protection Board.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 4549–4565; 1 private bill, H.R. 4566; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 317–318; and H. Res. 611–618 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 619, providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 612) expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to achieving victory in Iraq (H. Rept. 109-348);

H. Res. 620, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 109-349); and

H. Res. 621; providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4437) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security (H. Rept. 109-350).

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Pension Protection Act of 2005: The House passed H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules by a recorded vote of 294 ayes to 132 noes, Roll No. 635.

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Rejected the Miller motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 200 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 634, after agreeing to the previous question.

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Pursuant to the rule, in lieu of the amendments reported by the Committees on Education and the Workforce and Ways and Means now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–346 shall be considered as adopted.

H. Res. 602, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 633, after agreeing to order the previous question.

Pages H11660–70, H111678

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, December 14th: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected: H. Res. 579, amended, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be

protected, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 22 nays with 5 voting “present”, Roll No. 637;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the symbols and traditions of Christmas should be protected for those who celebrate Christmas.”.

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Urging the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month: H. Con. Res. 315, to urge the President to issue a proclamation for the observance of an American Jewish History Month, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 638; and

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Urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw or modify proposed legislation that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation: H. Con. Res. 312, amended, to urge the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw or modify proposed legislation that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation, by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 405 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 641.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read “Urging the Government of the Russian Federation to withdraw the first draft of the proposed legislation as passed in its first reading in the State Duma that would have the effect of severely restricting the establishment, operations, and activities of domestic, international, and foreign nongovernmental organizations in the Russian Federation, or to modify the proposed legislation to entirely remove these restrictions.”.

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Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005: The House began consideration on H.R. 4437, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to strengthen enforcement of the immigration laws, to enhance border security. Further consideration will continue at a later date.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–347, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Carter amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–347) that requires the Secretary of Homeland